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Shuttle. Floating



► The Enterprise shuttle was placed on a barge and pulled under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and through New York Harbor yesterday.

The retired space shuttle USS Enterprise made its trip from JFK Airport yesterday to a marina in the port of Elizabeth, N.J. On Tuesday, the shuttle will be moved again, traveling up the Hudson River before arriving at its permanent home at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in Manhattan. It will be lifted by crane onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier. ● METRO

Dogs provide comfort to victims in city's courts

► Staten Island DA's office employs a lovable Lab mix to help ease telling of testimonies ► Canines increasingly used in courtrooms nationwide {page 02}

News

Queen sparkles on diamond anniversary

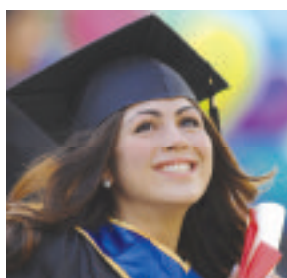
► A million Britons line River Thames in rainy English weather to celebrate 60-year reign of Elizabeth II {pages 10-11}

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In the news

Police officer dies in crash

A New York City police officer was killed in a car crash early yesterday morning in Westchester County. According to LoHud.com, Esther Sanzo, 37, was killed at 12:45 a.m. on the Palisades Interstate Parkway, after she struck a rail in the center median of the highway. She was ejected onto the roadway and killed, state police said.

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In the news

**Clinton in town**

Former President Bill Clinton is expected to campaign with President Barack Obama at two fundraisers today in New York City. The duo will hold one fundraiser at the Waldorf Astoria and a second at the New Amsterdam Theater in Harlem later tonight. Today's events mark the second time Clinton has stumped with Obama. The former president appeared at a private event in Virginia with Obama on April 29. ● METRO/CB

Canines help out in court

► Across the city, dogs help victims find their voices ► Staten Island DA's office now using Bronksey to help criminal witnesses tell their stories ► Paz, a labradoodle, works with kids at the Family Justice Center in Brooklyn ► But some object to use of dogs in the courtroom

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► Dogs like Bronksey are used to comfort adults and children alike when they have to give painful testimony during criminal trials.

Dogs help kids open up

When children are too scared to talk to an adult about their trauma, they will sometimes instead tell a dog, said Charley Bednarsh at the Family Justice Center.

"Children come in, they're so traumatized they can't really speak," she said. "They just warm right up to him, and they'll actually talk to him, talk to the dog."

One 7-year-old girl witnessed a "horrific" assault on her mother last year, Bednarsh told Metro, and before she testified, she walked the courthouse halls holding Paz on a leash.

Paz couldn't go into the courtroom, so instead, during her testimony, Bednarsh said, "She took his picture with her, and she just clutched it."

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For those who are victims of a crime, retelling the event can be traumatizing, especially in front of a room full of strangers. And when the alleged abuser is present, it may be downright impossible.

But New York City prosecutors have found a helping paw: Some law enforcement officials are now using dogs to help comfort crime victims before and after they testify in court.

Last week, Staten Island District Attorney Daniel Donovan introduced a new team member, Bronksey, a 2-year-old black Labrador and golden retriever mix.

"I've seen kids that come in agitated and frightened, and this dog just lies down. Next thing you know, they fall asleep with their arms around him."

CHARLEY BEDNARSH, FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Bronksey was donated by Canine Companions for Independence, a nonprofit that trains and matches dogs with people in need, including

crime victims. The dogs are trained to put children or adults at ease throughout the arduous criminal justice process.

"Imagine how difficult it is to tell strangers a horrific incident that has occurred to you," said CCI's Northeast regional director Debra Dougherty. "The dog and the animal-human bond can overcome people's anxieties and fears and give them the confidence to be able to tell their story, and then in turn ... seek justice."

The dogs are used to comfort victims before and after testimony. New York is part of

a growing trend; dogs have been OK'd for courtroom use in states like Hawaii, Arizona and Idaho.

Two weeks ago, Bronksey helped a 12-year-old Staten Island boy testify about an abusive relative. The dog was not in the courtroom during the hearing, but the boy stroked Bronksey before going into court, Dougherty said. When he came out, the child ran over and "gave him a big hug," she said.

While Bronksey is new, a labradoodle has been stationed at the Family Justice Center in downtown Brooklyn

since last year. The pooch is named Paz, or "peace" in Spanish; his middle name is "Jeter" after the famous Yankee. He was placed there through Pet Partners, a therapy animal program.

Paz pads in every Friday, offering a friendly furry face to families, especially children, fleeing abusive homes. Charley Bednarsh, the center's director of children's services and who takes Paz home at night, said the canine is "magic" for shell-shocked kids.



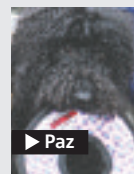
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Dog training can be costly

At Canine Companions for Independence, puppies are selected at 8 weeks old. They are then placed with volunteers, who teach them basic commands and socialization.

When the dog is between 14 and 16 months, the volunteers turn the dog over to

a CCI trainer for six months of advanced training and to learn 50 specialized commands.



► Paz

They then undergo a final test with trainers in a public setting like a mall. There, they make sure the dog can go in and out of ele-

\$45K

The total cost to breed, raise and train a dog is about \$45,000.

vators and is not distracted by things like loud noises.

Thanks to donations, CCI donates the dogs at no cost.

● METRO/AB

Some object to dogs in court

While the dogs can be helpful, not all are in agreement they should be used in the criminal justice system.

In one case in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., last year, defense lawyers are appealing a rape

conviction, after Rosie, a golden retriever, sat at the feet of a 15-year-old girl as she testified that her father had raped and impregnated her.

After a judge convicted the man, and sentenced him to life in prison, his lawyers appealed, arguing that Rosie's cuteness might have unfairly swayed the jury. ● METRO/AB



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Two dead in LIE taxi crash

► Big Apple vacation turns into tragedy when yellow cab hits Porsche, struck by garbage truck on rainy LIE ► Grandma from Utah dies while saving grandson's life

A Utah grandfather is reeling after his wife was killed and his grandson was injured in a taxi crash early Saturday on the Long Island Expressway.

Taxi driver Mohamed Hussain, who also died in the accident, picked up Suzanne Nicholson, 60, and her grandson, Gabe Larsen, 11, at JFK airport and got on the LIE toward Manhattan.

Around 12:30 a.m., a possibly unconscious Hussain struck the rear of a Porsche traveling in front of him, causing the Porsche to roll over, ac-

cording to police and fire department officials.

Meanwhile, the taxi came to rest sideways in the right lane, where it was totaled by a Mack garbage truck unable to stop due to the rainy weather conditions, police say.

Nicholson and Larsen were headed to meet up with another grandmother-grandson duo at a hotel.

The four of them were in town for a classic New York City trip, with visits to Central Park, the Statue of Liberty and Yankee Stadium all planned, according to Suzanne's husband, DeWayne Nicholson, who spoke to Metro from his home in Ogden, Utah.

"She loved to travel, particularly New York City," said Nicholson, who added that Suzanne "was fun-loving and enjoyed life."

Firefighters told Nicholson that his wife helped to save Gabe's life by wrapping him up at the time of the accident.

"It's not surprising to any of us," Nicholson said. "He would have been her top concern."

Gabe, whose parents have flown out to be with him, remains in stable condition at Elmhurst General Hospital.

Police say no criminality is suspected.



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► DeWayne Nicholson, right, said he was not surprised to hear his wife, Suzanne, left, died while protecting her grandson from harm.



► Gabe Larsen, 11, remains in stable condition.

Cab driver leaves behind wife, kids



► No criminality is suspected by police in the crash.

NEW YORK. A funeral for Hussain, 46, took place Sunday afternoon.

He leaves behind a wife and two small children, all of whom live in Bangladesh, according to Bhairavi Desai, executive director of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance.

"Drivers bear so many risks on this job, whether it's assaults or accidents," Desai said. "If you're a driver's family, you're always on edge until they come home safely after a shift."

Despite Saturday's crash, fatal taxi accidents in the city remain rare, according to statistics from the state Department of Motor Vehicles. People take more than 177 million taxi rides per year in the city. In 2009, the latest year for which statistics are available, only 4,093 of those trips resulted in reported accidents. In fact, a study by Schaller Consulting found that in 2004, yellow cabs and liveries were one-third less likely to crash than other private vehicles on the road.

Other 2012

cab accidents

Saturday's crash marks the third serious yellow cab incident this year:

- On April 14, a 5-year-old deaf boy suffered heavy brain damage after being struck by a cab in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn. The boy, who was visiting New York with his parents, reportedly darted out between parked cars.
- On March 12, a taxi jumped a curb and crashed into a Duane Reade on East 43rd Street and Third Avenue, pinning a pedestrian against the building. ● METRO/JG

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Plans on hold for outer-borough cabs

► Judge blocks sale of medallions for taxis outside Manhattan ► Green cabs won't be on city streets soon

Looks like those hoping for more taxis in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx will have to wait a bit longer.

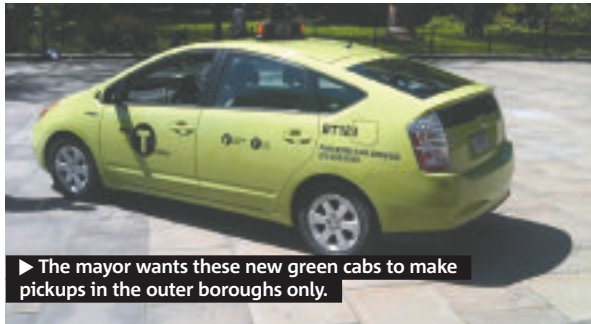
A New York state judge issued a temporary restraining order Friday blocking the city from selling \$1 billion worth of taxi medallions.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg got the state to approve his plan to sell 2,000 more medallions along with 18,000 licenses to drivers who would serve the outer boroughs. The outer-borough taxis would be green, to distinguish them from yellow cabs, and would not be allowed to make street pickups in Manhattan.

Albany approved the plan after the City Council rejected Bloomberg's proposal.

The auctions for the new medallions were supposed to begin in July.

But State Supreme Court Judge Arthur Engoron ruled in favor of taxicab owners who



► The mayor wants these new green cabs to make pickups in the outer boroughs only.

"The court has trouble seeing how the provision of taxi service in New York City is a matter that can be wrenched from the hands of city government."

JUDGE ARTHUR ENGORON

sued, and said the matter should have been worked out in the City Council, and not in the state Legislature.

Michael Cardozo, the city's corporation counsel, in a statement, said he was considering an appeal of the decision. "We think the court was mistaken in its analysis."

Engoron's ruling also blows a hole in Bloomberg's \$68.7 billion budget plan.

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Germany pitches major European fiscal sharing

Jean-Claude Trichet called last June for the creation of a European finance ministry with power over national budgets. The idea seemed fanciful, a distant dream that would take years or even decades to realize, if it ever came to be.

One year later, with the euro zone's debt crisis threatening to tear the bloc apart, Germany is pushing its partners for precisely the kind of giant leap forward in fiscal integration that the now-departed European Central Bank president had in mind.

After falling short with her "fiscal compact" on budget discipline, German Chancellor Angela Merkel is pressing for much more ambitious measures, including a central authority to manage euro area finances, and major new powers for the European Commission, European Parliament and European Court of Justice.

Until states agree to these



► Merkel and Putin

steps and the unprecedented loss of sovereignty they involve, the officials say Berlin will refuse to consider other initiatives like joint euro zone bonds or a "banking union" with cross-border deposit guarantees — steps Berlin says could only come in a second

"The fundamental question is relatively simple. Do our partners really want more Europe, or do they just want more German money?"

A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN BERLIN

wave.

The goal is for EU leaders to agree to develop a road map to "fiscal union" at a June 28-29 EU summit, where top European officials including European Council President Herman Van Rompuy will present a set of initial proposals.

"The fundamental question is relatively simple. Do our partners really want more Europe, or do they just want more German money?" a government official in Berlin said.

REUTERS

Crime. Florida shooter



► George Zimmerman steps out of a van as he surrenders to authorities after he had his bond revoked because of allegedly misleading the court about his finances.

ROBERTO GONZALEZ/GETTY IMAGES

George Zimmerman back in jail

George Zimmerman returned to jail yesterday after a court revoked his bond and ordered him to turn himself in to authorities. Zimmerman arrived at the Sanford County jail shortly after 1:40 p.m. accompanied by sheriff's deputies and his attorney, Mark O'Mara. REUTERS

Passenger plane crash kills 147 in Nigerian city

NIGERIA. A passenger plane carrying nearly 150 people crashed into a densely populated part of Lagos yesterday, in what looked like a major disaster in Nigeria's commercial hub.

There was no early word from airline or civil aviation authority officials in the West African country on casualties.

A source at the national emergency management agency, declining to be identified, said the aircraft belonged to privately owned domestic carrier Dana Air and had 147 people on board.

Thousands of people crowded around the wreckage, which was billowing black smoke, in the Agege suburb of the city, not far from Lagos' Murtala Muhammed Airport. Witnesses said they saw the plane strike a building and burst into flames.

Some looked stunned, while others took pictures with their mobile phones of the crash scene. REUTERS

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Richard Dawson dead at 79

Richard Dawson, an actor and TV host best known for his work on the game show "Family Feud" and sitcom "Hogan's Heroes," has died from complications of esophageal cancer. He was 79.

The British-born actor died on Saturday at Ronald Reagan Memorial hospital in Los Angeles, his son Gary Dawson said yesterday.

Dawson appeared on numerous TV shows in the 1960s, but it was his job as the host of "Family Feud" where his wit and charm served him best as he helped make the program a big hit of the 1970s.

"Feud," which debuted in 1976 with members of two different families competing against each other by trying to guess the results of survey questions, became a No. 1 U.S. daytime TV show for a time.

Over the years, "Feud" expanded into prime-time specials featuring top celebrities and made Dawson the highest-paid game show emcee of his day. It was canceled in

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1985, but reborn in syndication. Various incarnations with different hosts have aired since then.

Richard Dawson, whose given name was Colin Lionel Emm, was born on Nov. 20, 1932, in Gosport, England. At age 14, he joined the merchant marines and served for three years. After his discharge, he worked as a stand-up comedian in London clubs including the legendary "Stork Room," where he met actress Diana Dors. She became his first wife in 1959. **REUTERS**



► Host Richard Dawson speaks to the cast of the television series, "Eight Is Enough" as they compete on the game show "Family Feud" in April of 1978.

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News in brief

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Obama, Romney point fingers of blame over jobs

WASHINGTON. Advisers to Barack Obama and Mitt Romney squared off yesterday over job creation in a debate which, following Friday's weak jobs report, promises to be a deciding factor in the November vote.

Ed Gillespie, a senior adviser to Romney, citing Obama's healthcare reform law and a decision to put a major oil pipeline on hold, said on "Fox News Sunday" that Obama's policies have put a damper on job creation.

Senior Obama campaign adviser David Axelrod noted in an appearance on "Face the Nation" that "Gov. Romney offers himself as a job creator."

"What happened?" Axelrod asked. "Massachusetts plunged to 47th in job creation. They lost manufacturing jobs at twice the rate of the country." **REUTERS**

Pot-smoking mom drives off with baby on roof of her car

PHOENIX. A marijuana-smoking woman was arrested Saturday in Phoenix after she accidentally drove away with her 5-week-old son in a child safety seat on the roof of her vehicle, police said.

The baby fell off the car in the middle of an intersection and was found unharmed and strapped into the seat, said Phoenix police spokesman James Holmes.

The mother, Catalina Clouser, 19, was booked into jail on child abuse and aggravated assault charges, he said. **REUTERS**

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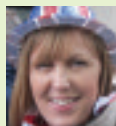
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Our staff in the United Kingdom asked revelers in London what they thought of the big party.



Jonathan Ray, 20, student
"I think it's a fun day out, but I'm annoyed I can't get into my university because of the crowd."



Judy Hughes, 57, nurse
"We travelled down from the north, this is once in a lifetime. This brings people together at a time of economic hardship."



Bill Beck, 65, retired
"This is just incredible. You never get anything like this in the U.S. I'll be coming early for the carriage procession."

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Rain can't stop Queen's Jubilee flotilla pageant

► Hundreds of thousands mark Queen's Diamond Jubilee ► More still follow proceedings around the world ► All this, and Olympics coming soon

A traditional British rainstorm greeted the Queen's Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant — but the weather did not stop the party. A flotilla of 1,000 boats accompanied Queen Elizabeth II on her six-mile journey down the river Thames, the largest ceremony the river has seen in 350 years.

Hundreds of thousands of people lined the river, hoping to catch a glimpse of Her

Majesty aboard the Spirit of Chartwell barge, in which the monarch rode alongside her husband, Prince Philip, and other members of the royal family. Some visitors had camped out overnight to secure good spots for the pageant. They were joined by crowds of additional well-wishers throughout the day, and rooftops along the Thames were also covered with visitors.

Amid torrential rain, visitors were entertained by music from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and nine other musical boats. The flotilla also included dozens of military vessels and historic boats that had been restored for the event. As it passed Tower Bridge it was greeted by a 41-gun salute from the Royal Navy.

Event organizer Adrian Evans called the event "bigger

and better" than any previous Thames celebration. More than £10 million — or \$15.37 million — was spent on the operation. In addition to the pageant, an estimated 10,000 street parties took place across Britain, as many as celebrated Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953.

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UK Tea Party not amused

LONDON. The celebrations come as polls show the overwhelming backing for the monarchy, which has overcome a slump in the 1990s

following marital infidelities and the death of the hugely popular Princess Diana in a 1997 Paris car crash.

However, not everyone in London was cheering as about 100 republicans waving banners demanding

"Votes not Boats" and "Make Monarchy History" staged a protest near Tower Bridge.

"Her achievement is just staying alive, doing little and saying less," Graham Smith, head of campaign group Republic, told Reuters. **REUTERS**

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► The manpowered section of the Diamond Jubilee Pageant rows toward Tower Bridge on the River Thames in London.

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► Revelers wave Union flags from a boat on the Thames.

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► Queen Elizabeth II rides in the seat of honor with Princes Harry and William, and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge.

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Still got it: UK monarch big worldwide

LONDON. The jubilee pageant appeared on news sites around the world and was among the top trending topics on Twitter, with messages ranging from congratulatory to comic.

Although the queen is still head of state in 16 countries from Australia and Canada to tiny Tuvalu in the Pacific Ocean and head of the Commonwealth, Britain is a shad-

ow of its former imperial self. Nevertheless, interest in the pageant and affection for Queen Elizabeth extended to former colonies such as Canada.

"I admire Queen Elizabeth II for her extraordinary grace and diligence," marketing expert Amanda Batchelor told Reuters from her home in Toronto where she was watching on television.

"The fact that she remains relevant to millions of people — in the U.K. and abroad — over six decades of rapid change is testimony to her longevity." **REUTERS**

Parties ahead of Olympics

LONDON. Across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, street parties were being held to mark the occasion. Prince Charles and his wife Camilla dropped in to one in central London before the pageant, joining in a rousing rendition of the national anthem.

The government hoped

the festivities would mark the start of a summer of revelry capped off by the Olympic Games in London, raising the public's spirits and their poll ratings.

"What is great is that we have the jubilee and then the Olympics. We should show how great we are in Britain," said Joanne Richmond, 61, from central England, who was in London for the queen's coronation as a 2-year-old. **REUTERS**

Cameron: The queen won't abdicate

LONDON. U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron rejected any suggestion that Queen Elizabeth II might abdicate, or that the crown might skip a generation and go straight to Prince William instead of her heir, Prince Charles.

"Both of those things are out of the question," Cameron told the BBC's "Andrew Marr Show," in an interview to

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"You get the sense that she will go on doing the amazing job she's been doing as long as she can." CAMERON

mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. "You get the sense that she will go on doing the amazing job she's been doing as long as she can."

Elizabeth, 86, is celebrating



► British Prime Minister David Cameron enjoys the festivities.

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Single-parent students still face difficulties

Seventeen years ago, with her newborn daughter in tow, Tamsin Hinton-Smith began her undergraduate career at England's University of Sussex. Today, Smith is a full-time professor there, where she also received her doctorate in sociology. But she fears that the support she received as a single parent in higher education is eroding as the U.K. moves toward a U.S.-style funding model.

Her latest study — "Lone Parents' Experiences as Higher Education Students: Learning to Juggle" — is one of the most comprehensive looks at single mothers in higher education to date, and one that could provide insight into the dilemmas of student moms and dads in the United States.



► Single parents in college face obstacles in the U.S. and abroad.

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"Universities need to do more to acknowledge that students have to balance paid work with their studies," says Smith. "It's very clear that the typical student is not a [privileged] young man with no responsibilities."

The "Lone Parents" study chronicled the lives of 77 college-enrolled single mothers across the U.K. Each woman was interviewed biweekly, and each had an opportunity to provide anonymous responses to questions regarding her struggles and personal victories.

Many familiar stories emerged: lack of time, child-care and resources among them. Interestingly, Smith discovered that prestigious institutions tended to be less single-parent-friendly.

"This is really relevant to the U.S. because, like the U.K., [it stands] apart from the other wealthy countries in the way that lone parenthood has really been problematized and stigmatized as a social problem," says Smith. "The cultures are similar in that lone parents have been blamed and chastised for their position. The important message in the data, for me, is that lone parents in college tend to be highly motivated people."

"Universities need to do more to acknowledge that students have to balance paid work with their studies."

TAMSI HINTON-SMITH

Job training



► Occupational therapy is holding strong. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median income for occupational therapists in 2010 was \$72,320.

Occupational therapists: A special breed

With a growth rate of 33 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, occupational therapy is one of few in-demand professions in this brutal economy. Dr. Joyce Sabari has been an OT for 39 years and is the program director of the occupational therapy program at SUNY Downstate, in Brooklyn. She says that many students are attracted to the field because of the current job growth numbers, but there are key qualities that every OT must possess.

Who should consider a career in occupational therapy?

People who get excited by forming collaborative relationships with their clients. We work with people to choose a strategy that they can buy into. OTs tend to be very collaborative. They have enormous emo-

tional intelligence. They have a talent for coaching — so much of what we do is motivating people to try new things.

What's the difference between occupational therapy and physical therapy?

They are completely separate professions, although we often have common goals and occasionally work together. The focus of occupational therapy is the performance of tasks of daily living, from getting out of bed to using a computer, depending on the needs of that particular person. The focus in physical therapy is mostly on getting a person to walk better. **Why is the job outlook for occupational therapists currently so good?**

Part of it is society's attitudes about people with disabilities. There is a general understanding now that, with some help, people with disabilities can return to very functional lives. A second factor is the aging population. A third is a greater appreciation for the inclusion of children with disabilities.

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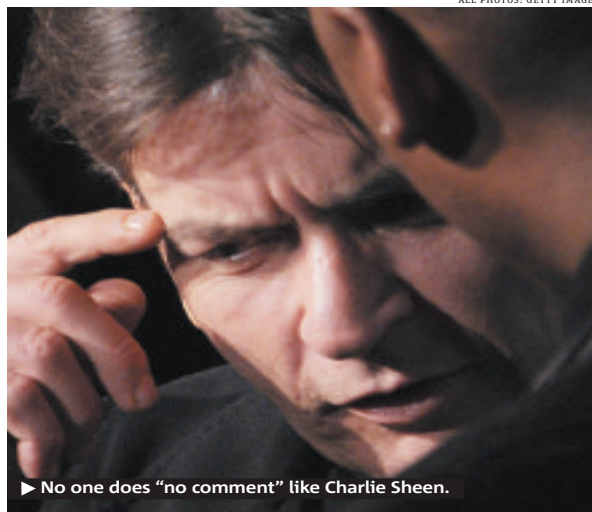
We're finally worried about Charlie Sheen

Brooke Mueller has landed herself back in rehab, but the situation might not be as bad as it seems. Despite their client's history of drug abuse and saying "I do" to **Charlie Sheen**, lawyers for the sometimes-acress say the stay is a perfectly routine "preplanned event," and that reports of a crack cocaine binge with her ex-husband are entirely false.

For his part, Sheen doesn't know who he agrees with just yet — but that doesn't mean he won't attempt to talk about it. Here's his statement on the matter to TMZ:

"I can't speak to anyone's opinion or judgement. I was there they were not. their tepid hearsay is a baseless static drone. a mantra. their theme. I refuse to be held hostage by their 'constitutional' privilege, to judge those who can and who do. nabobs. — CS"

We are finally confused by the choices of Charlie Sheen. This man is a professional



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▶ No one does "no comment" like Charlie Sheen.

Drunkest Guy Last Night, and yet this is the statement he releases?

Charlie, this is familiar territory: Sleep in, take a shower,

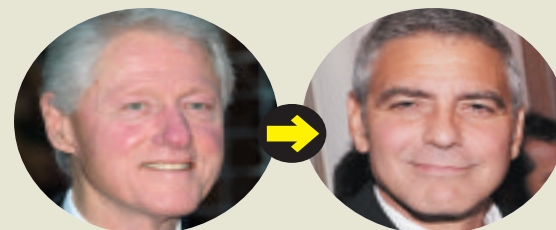
throw on bronzer and surface in gym clothes with a leafy bag from Whole Foods. The showing-up-to-breakfast-in-sunglasses stuff is for amateurs.

You're welcome!

You were almost spared from hearing about the world's least sexy lap dance — but we're a cranky, merciless bunch on Mondays, so read on.

In a scene cut from "Rock of Ages," **Tom Cruise** — complete with leather pants and shoulder-length hair — received a lap dance from former "Dancing With the Stars" cast member **Julianne Hough**. Even though it was likely the high point of her career, Hough couldn't bring

herself to do much more than confirm that it happened to E! Online: "It was definitely a musical version of a lap dance, so nobody has to get their knickers in a twist," says the 23-year-old. "It's work. It's a musical. It's all about singing and dancing. It was the storyline."



Has he learned nothing?

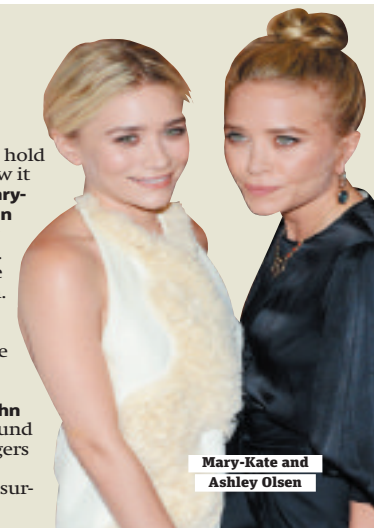
When asked who will play him in the inevitable biopic, **Bill Clinton** generously settled on **George Clooney** during an interview on "Piers Morgan Tonight."

Now, as for **Hillary**? He'd like to cast **Meryl Streep**. We think this was a compliment, but Bill, trust us: Assuming you're still around for a next time, the answer you are looking for here is "**Angelina Jolie**, **Charlize Theron** or a young **Heidi Klum**."

Olsens are a 'pain in the ass'

Steve Madden didn't hold back when asked how it was to work with **Mary-Kate** and **Ashley Olsen** on a line of shoes for Italian label Superga. "Painful, painful," he tells Fashionista.com. "They are difficult. They are exacting. They are a pain in the ass. But they're very good though."

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Questionable awards and a rockin' picnic

1 How weird is it to see **Adam Sandler** accept awards? **Andy Samberg** presented the actor with the "Brass Balls" honor at Spike TV's Guys Choice Awards on Saturday night.

2 In a Guys Choice display of manliness, **Will Ferrell** ate

a very large hunk of dead animal while standing in front of a ring of fire.

3 Of course, no Guys Choice anything would be complete without **Mila Kunis**. Triple word score: The actress was onstage with "Family Guy" creator **Seth MacFarlane**.

4 MTV Movie Awards gift suite fail: Someone let **Steve-O** into the

Keratin Complex hair spray booth with a lighter.

5 **James Murphy** of the late LCD Soundsystem surfaced at the Roots Picnic for a set on Saturday in Philadelphia.

6 **Black Thought** and the Roots were the Picnic's main course on Saturday night.

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TV watch list 'Push Girls'

REALITY. There are some unscripted shows that have given reality TV a bad name. Then there are series that document the lives of everyday people doing extraordinary things, like "Push Girls," chronicling a group of wheelchair-bound friends leading lives more adventurous and fulfilling than most anyone. It's educating and inspiring — and one of the rare breeds of must-see reality TV. Series premiere, 10 p.m., Sundance Channel

'The Real Housewives of New York City'

REALITY. Three new Housewives join the fray in NYC: Carole Radziwill, an author who counts the Kennedys among her in-laws; Aviva Drescher, a socialite stay-at-home mom; and Heather Thomson, the creator of the shapewear line Yummie Tummie. Season premiere, 9 p.m., Bravo • AMBER RAY

Catch the Fever

► Dengue Fever don't think it's the title of their latest album that may be offputting ► Bassist says playing psychedelic Cambodian pop mixed with jazz not exactly Top 40 stuff

Thinking outside the box risks being marginalized as a novelty, but it's worked well for Dengue Fever. This Los Angeles-based sextet (named for a nasty tropical disease) reruns 1960s Cambodian psychedelic pop back to its American source. An odd musical idea if ever there was one, they've somehow built a worldwide following. The band's fourth and latest record, "Cannibal Courtship," doesn't seem titled to propel them further into the mainstream.

"Wasn't there a big pop hit by a band called Fine Young

Cannibals?" asks bassist Senon Williams. "What keeps us out of the pop charts is that we are playing challenging music, not the name of the band or title of our records. When you're playing psychedelic Cambodian pop mixed with jazz, African music and surf, then you're not exactly going to go Top 40."

This leg of the band's tour is a co-headliner with Syrian artist Omar Souleyman, forming an even more eclectic bill. Dengue Fever feel comfortable playing with indie rock, world folk or whatever, because, says



► Dengue Fever play tonight at 7 with Omar Souleyman at Webster Hall (125 E. 11th St.). Tickets are \$20. For more info, visit www.websterhall.com or call 212-353-1600.

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Williams, it isn't musical style that matters, it's commitment.

"It's definitely a labor of love what we've done," Williams says. "You've got to stick to what you love. Even pop music that I think is really good is done by someone with passion. Our passion just lies more in the bizarre."

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Working out the Kinks

Among Dengue Fever's fans is Kinks frontman Ray Davies, whom they met when they performed on British TV.

"We saw him after the show and chatted a little bit. A few months later he called us up

asking us to be his backing band. Unfortunately, we had commitments."

Imagine playing "Waterloo Sunset" with him?!

"Oh, I love that song," exclaims Williams. "It was a shame, but he thought of us later and asked us to play at his MeltDown Festival. So it was OK."

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Box office

► Kristen Stewart is more warrior than fair princess in "Snow White and the Huntsman."

'Snow White' overtakes 'Men in Black'

"Snow White and the Huntsman" broke the spell of lackluster performances by many big-budget films this summer season at movie theaters, grabbing \$56.3 million in its first weekend to top "Men in Black 3," according to studio estimates yesterday.

The film, a dark take on the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, collected an additional \$39.3 million in 45 international markets where it also opened this weekend.

The solid debut led Universal Pictures' "Snow White" to escape the fate of "BattleShip," also distributed by Universal, and Warner Bros.' vampire film "Dark Shadows," both of which

fell victim to blockbuster "The Avengers."

"Men in Black 3," which opened last week, collected \$29.3 million in ticket sales in theaters to fall to the No. 2 position on box office charts.

Hollywood experts had predicted that "Snow White and the Huntsman" would open with a relatively paltry \$35 million in ticket sales. The film, which was made for \$170 million, needed \$42 million in ticket sales over the weekend to break even, according to analysts.

A film generally completes its run with three times its opening weekend gross, and its studio gets about half the ticket sales revenue. A film also generates revenue from home video and other sales after its theatrical run.

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The Clean, fresh start

The Clean broke up before their music gained even a trace of long-lasting reverence on distant shores. The band — formed in Dunedin, New Zealand, by brothers Hamish and David Kilgour in 1978 — signed with Flying Nun Records. Even though their first single, "Tally Ho" hit the Top 20 in their home country in 1981, they prematurely called it quits later that year.

"Hamish and I have been slogging away for awhile," notes guitarist David Kilgour. "When we hit that stride where we were releasing records, it was really intense. After those two years, we had to walk away from it, really. We were so busy."

During their hiatus, the Kilgours eventually learned that their influence was crossing continents — even if their records weren't readily available overseas. They were being referenced as an influence for standout U.S. indie rock acts like Yo La Tengo and Pavement.



► Good Clean fun: The band rocks out at a recent performance at Cake Shop in New York City.

"When The Clean first broke up in 1981, we had very little feedback from the rest of the world," says Kilgour.

Re-forming in the late '80s, they performed a series of "re-union" shows in London, which were so successful that Kilgour took it as a sign.

"I was astounded at the amount of press we got and the

crowds we got," he says. "We found that the old magic was still there and we still loved playing, but we never treated it from that point on as a serious career option. It's just something we wanted to do, and it's been that way ever since."

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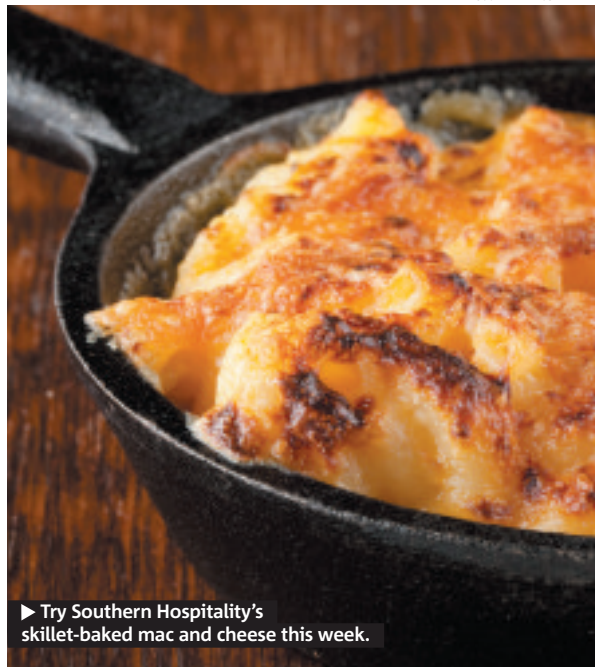
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The community's response to its first restaurant week has been enthusiastic. As noted by

Nancy Ploeger, president of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Brooklyn's restaurant week enlisted only 200 restaurants from the entire borough. 2nd Avenue's Restaurant Week drew 25 restaurants in a 27-block radius.

Expected to dine on 2nd Avenue this week are Zagat guide co-founder Tim Zagat, designer Norma Kamali and transit engineer "Gridlock" Sam Schwartz.

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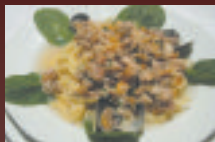


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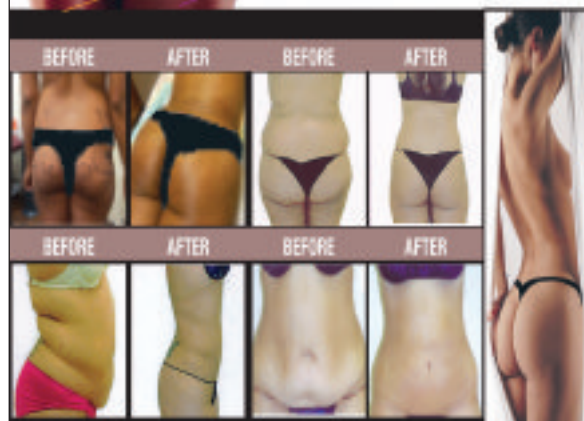
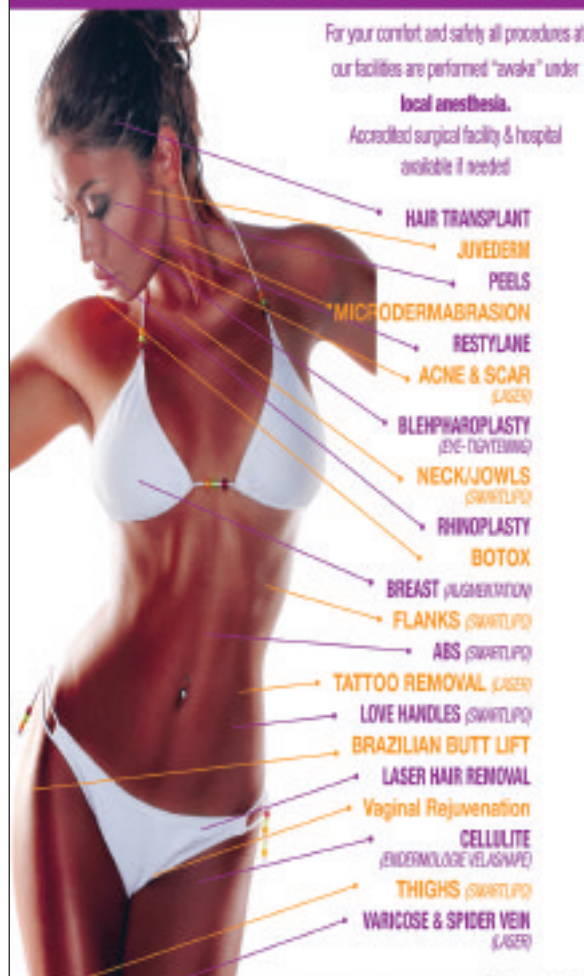
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► Think it's just a bad case of the Mondays? ► Sometimes taking time off can help you perform better on the job ► But make sure that your vacation is actually a vacation

Vacations: We always want one, but sometimes we actually need one. Here's our rundown of telltale signs that you're in need of some well-deserved time off.

You are less productive.

This may come as no surprise, but many Type A personalities tend to work without vacation — and without realizing that it can affect their productivity. "If you notice that you need to take a lot of breaks to accomplish work, that is a sign that the current demands on you are exceeding your resources," says Amy Przeworski, assistant professor in psychology at Case Western Reserve University.

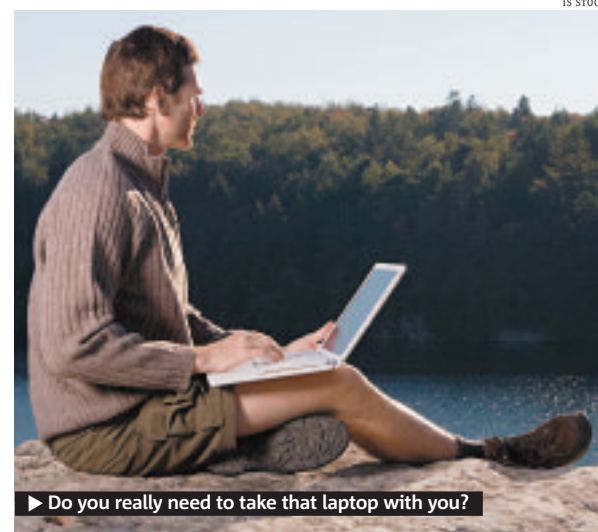
Your attitude is poor.

"Do you find yourself getting short-tempered with the nicest person in the office?" asks Marc Cenedella, CEO of job-matching site The Ladders. If so, ask yourself if those people deserve to put up with that.

You dream about quitting.

"This is obviously a sign that you are dissatisfied with your job," says Przeworski. "But before you jump ship, try taking a vacation or a day off to see if maybe you just needed a break and some self-care instead of a new position." The last thing you want is a permanent vacation.

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Your time off

Kerry Patterson, co-author of "Crucial Conversations," reminds us that we must "define vacation" to ourselves and to our bosses.

► "Talk about what it truly means to take time off. If you are required to take the office with you in the form of e-mails and conference calls, you never truly leave the office." After you get the time off, don't spend it answering e-mails from a beach.

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- Bring all medications in their original bottles and a keep a list of the medications and dosages with you at all times. Consider bringing extra medication and keep it in a carry-on bag in case you lose your luggage.
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- Know if medications affect the body's ability to deal with heat. Antibiotics may make your skin more sensitive to the sun, and diuretics may dehydrate you faster.
- Make sure your accommodations are senior-friendly.
- Remember "SHS": sunglasses, hats and sunscreen.
- Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes for walking around. Don't be afraid or embarrassed to ask for a wheelchair in airports or museums.
- Avoid being outdoors on very hot and/or humid days. Stay indoors in air-conditioned surroundings. If you must go out, go early or late when the sun isn't

as intense and temperatures are lower, and wear cool clothing.

- Plan indoor recreational activities for the middle, hot part of the day (museums, movies, restaurants, etc.).
- Carry a water bottle and stay hydrated. Know where convenient public restrooms are located if you venture out.
- On the train, bus and/or plane, avoid deep vein thrombosis (blood clots in the legs) by not sitting in one place for too long. If you're traveling on a long flight, get up and take a lap of the plane once every hour.
- Remember that a change in time zones may cause jet lag, so get enough sleep.
- Don't overdo it by planning too full of an agenda for one day.

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▶ *Is it normal that I get upset when people around me use vulgar language?*

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you to limit their vulgarities by politely telling them that you prefer them to use cleaner language. As for strangers who swear, that's a different story. Don't personalize what you hear. You have to accept the notion that there are those who express themselves well by using PG language and those who lack the ability to censor.

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Letters

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We subsidize rich, punish the poor

Republicans oppose welfare to the poor, claiming it subsidizes laziness and failure. Meanwhile, they approve government subsidizing of fossil fuel industries and agribusiness by failing to hold them responsible for completely cleaning up all the pollution they cause. If government required them to pay the true full cost, they would have to charge customers directly. No one would want to pay that, and they would go bankrupt; green industries would have a fair chance to rise, and the poor would have a chance to gain a foothold. Only in a truly level playing field can capitalism work to the good of all. Justice requires that you bail out everyone or no one. **RITA VARLEY, VIA E-MAIL**

Hoodie: Symbol of liberal innocence?

The Metro just ran a police sketch of a suspect in a local robbery. But wait, this guy has got to be totally innocent. After all, he's wearing a hoodie!

RITCHIE TIEMANN, VIA E-MAIL

Men, take long look at mirror on the wall

RE: "SNOW WHITE WITH BITE": Professor Zipes' interpretation of the "Snow White" story reads as though he watched the Disney movie, barely paid attention because his Swedish Fish were stuck in his teeth, and scribbled his theory on a napkin. First of all, having a female villain is no more sexist toward women than having a male villain is sexist toward men.

There are good and bad examples of both genders; equality goes both ways. Second of all, if Zipes had cared to read the original adaptation of "Snow White," he'd realize that rather than being a celebration of beauty as a vital characteristic of femininity, it is a vindication of vanity and covetousness. It speaks very strongly and in few uncertain terms about shallow, aesthetic judgment being a negative thing.

ROXANNE MICHAUD, VIA E-MAIL

It is very hard to make a point about feminism and gender primacy while employing the help of a male feminism theorist. His claim that creating an evil female character is anti-feminist is absurd. Feminism is meant to establish a mindset where gender is a nonessential trait. Meaning

that women aren't all nurturing mothers and men aren't all ambitious players. It is even more misogynistic to assume that all females are gentle and docile, rather than self-serving and willing to do anything to achieve their goals. The evil queen is perhaps threatening because her behavior does defy the typical gender roles.

CAMILLE LANNAN, VIA E-MAIL

Church hypocrisy is bad for democracy

The arrogance of organized religion never ceases to disgust me. The Catholic Church has taken to suing the Obama administration because they feel that having insurance companies pay for birth control is violating their religious freedom. Yet they see nothing wrong with continuing the push for taxpayer money to be funneled toward religious education in the form of vouchers. The fact that the church continues talking out of both sides of its mouth is downright pathetic.

DONNA DI GIACOMO, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. Inaccurately evaluating the power of someone who opposes you is not only foolish, but is also likely to cause you to handle the situation in ways that lead to utter failure.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. Someone who knows how to pump people for private or secret information is likely to pick on you. Be on your guard when discussing delicate matters.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Be positive and expectant of good results, but don't base your hopes on false expectations or wishful thinking. If you're unrealistic, every payoff will be disappointing.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Even though your probabilities for success are quite strong, you still may experience failure because of the way you handle things. Don't turn your opportunities into regrets.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. In your eagerness to paint a glowing picture in hopes of encouraging others to follow your lead, you might go overboard. Stick to the truth and you'll have no problem wooing others to your side.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. This is not one of those days when you should be speculating in unfamiliar areas. Unless you understand what you're getting into, you could lose much

more than you anticipate.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Seeking an easy out could be much more harmful than facing up to what needs to be done. If you bite the bullet, you'll find the pain to be far weaker than you feared.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. For your own reasons, you'll prefer taking the difficult, necessary road over a facile cop-out. It's the right decision: Honesty attracts admiration, while deceit destroys it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. In your involvements with others, your assessment of matters might be quite different than the views of the people with whom you are negotiating. Keep an open mind.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Don't expect any desirable results if you allow others to make decisions and do your thinking for you. They're going to do what is best for them, not for you.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Even if it's painless for you to make a big promise, when it comes time to keep your word you might have to pay a huge price. Be sure to look before you leap.

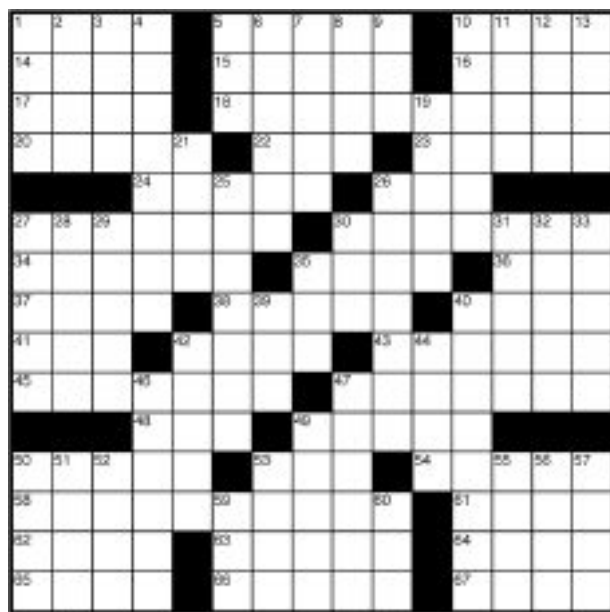
♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. It's fine to give something of yours to another if that's what you want to do, but if it's an item that doesn't belong to you, it isn't your prerogative to do so. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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34 Fluctuated
35 Slam down, as rain-drops
36 "Neither a borrower a lender be."
37 Piccadilly statue
38 Pool-table cover
40 Agree
41 Carioca's home
42 Bagpiper's wear
43 Dorm mate
45 Ball-gown fabric
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48 Part of LAX
49 Large blossom
50 React with indifference
53 Wintry cry
54 Junk food, maybe
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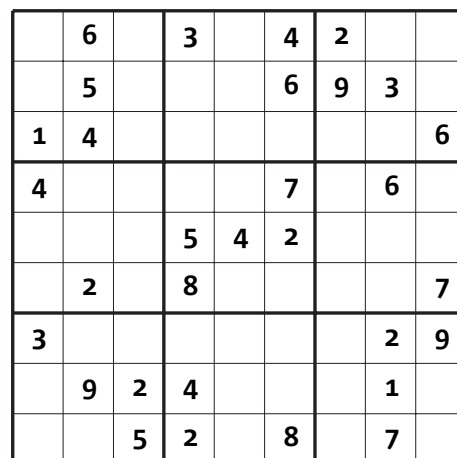
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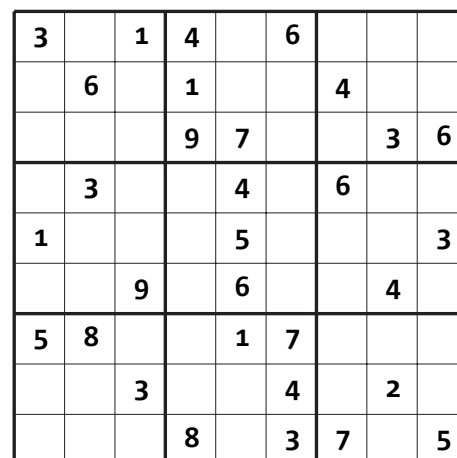


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Solution to weekend's crossword



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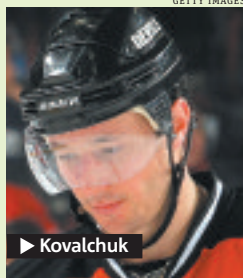
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3

Devils face a must-win

- Trailing 0-2, New Jersey heads to Hollywood for make-or-break Game 3
 ► Team felt they played better in Game 2 ► But result was no different



► Kovalchuk

Kovalchuk calls out power play

Devils star Ilya Kovalchuk minced no words in describing the team's power-play attack, which is now 0-for-6 in the Stanley Cup final.

"It's embarrassing the way we play," Kovalchuk said after the Game 2 loss in which they went 0-for-4 with the man advantage. "We've got to work harder on the power play. We just think it'll be easy, but they've got a great penalty kill for a reason."

Kovalchuk, who leads the team in scoring (18) this postseason, has zero points this series. ● METRO

A semicircle of reporters surrounded Devils left wing Stephen Gionta a few minutes after his team had dropped Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final, 2-1, to the Los Angeles Kings.

The Devils had performed at a higher level Saturday night than they did in Game 1 Wednesday night, but the final result was the same.

"We just have to regroup and get ready for Game 3," Gionta said. "We just need to come ready to play in Game 3 and play desperate."

The Devils enter tonight's Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final trailing in the series, 0-2. History indicates that it will be extraordinary if the Devils are to win the franchise's fourth Cup. Only the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1966 Montreal Canadiens won the Cup after losing the first two Stanley Cup final games at home.

"It sucks," Devils rookie Adam Henrique said about the 0-2 hole.

The first 141:55 of the Stanley Cup final has shown the Devils they've been overmatched by the Kings' size and skill. The Kings' quintet of



► Jeff Carter, far left, celebrates the Game 2 winner, while Steve Bernier and the Devils can only regroup for Game 3 in Los Angeles.

Drew Doughty, Anze Kopitar, Mike Richards, Dustin Brown and Jeff Carter have combined for three goals and four points in the first two games, along with a plus-5 rating.

"I think we've had to redline our game really from Game 7 against Florida, through the

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"We felt like we were doing the right things [and] that we were going to get another goal. Unfortunately that just didn't happen."

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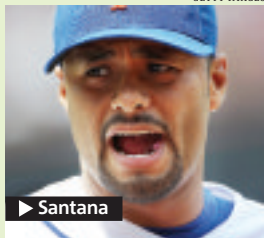
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Mets in brief

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► Santana

Santana rests, Young makes debut

As expected, Mets manager Terry Collins announced yesterday that Johan Santana, fresh off his 134-pitch no-hitter, will sit out an extra day. He won't pitch until Thursday, meaning he'll have five days rest.

It was speculated that Santana would have two days extra, meaning he'd start the first game of the Subway Series on Friday.

In order to get Santana the extra rest the team will

call up Chris Young to start on Tuesday. Young underwent a similar shoulder surgery as Santana and hasn't pitched since April 5, 2011. He was 1-0 with a 2.35 ERA in four rehab starts between St. Lucie and Buffalo, though his velocity reportedly topped out in the mid-80s.

Baxter hits DL for extended period

When they say you gave up your body to make a play, it



is rarely literal. Not so with Mike Baxter, who preserved Santana's no-no with a running catch and shoulder plant into the left field wall.

Baxter was placed on the 15-day DL yesterday with a displaced collarbone and fractured rib cartilage. He will be out about six weeks.

Josh Satin was called up, but Jason Bay is also nearing a return from the disabled list. ● METRO

Complete dominance

► Hughes throws first complete game of career ► Outduels Verlander while allowing just one run ► Yankees close out road trip with win at Detroit

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► Hughes hadn't even thrown a complete game in the minors.

6-3

The Yankees return to the Bronx tomorrow after completing a 6-3 road trip. Two of those losses were in walk-offs by the Angels and Tigers.

A complete game can go a long way toward proving you are a starter and not a reliever. Phil Hughes did it for the first time in his entire professional career yesterday.

Hughes was dominant in matching up against maybe the best pitcher in baseball — Justin Verlander. He struck out eight batters and allowed one run and three hits, while throwing 123 pitches in the nine innings.

"It feels great," Hughes told reporters after the game. "The big thing here has been pitch count and not going very deep into games. My fastball was staying more true, had some good life on it. I just felt a lot better overall."

As did the Yankees about a pitcher who came into the game sporting a 5.64 ERA and a game log that looked like the

Cyclone at Coney Island. After putting together four solid starts in a row, Hughes got bombed for seven runs in 5 1/3 innings the last time out and flirted with the form that had him near an 8.00 ERA when he entered May.

A resurgent Hughes would do a lot to ease a rotation that has just the eighth-best ERA in the American League.



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